(d) whether Government are aware that the lowering of age will put the working parents to a lot of difficulties;

(e) whether Government propose to review the decision, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is a fact that the number of creches in Delhi is highly inadequate and there are demands for opening more such creches and for increasing the capacity of existing creches; and

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the areas in Delhi where Government propose to open more such creches in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Creches in various Central Government colonies/office premises and in Community Centres were established by the Grih Kalyan Kendra primarily for children in the age group of 90 days to 7 years. However, as a temporary measure, children beyond 7 years of age were permitted to continue till such time as this was not found inconvenient to the children of the specified age groups. In view of the fact that there is shortage of accommodation and the demand for admission of children in the age group of 90 days to 7 years has greatly increased, the Kendra is not in a position to accommodate such children who are above the specified age group. Sufficient advance notice of six months was given to the affected parents to enable them to make alternative arrangements.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. However as the capacity of existing creches can not be increased due to shortage of space, the Department has planned to set up new creches in every Samaj Sadan as and when they come up.

Telecasting need based and purpose orienttd serials on Doordarshan

834. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals with the Doordarshan to telecast need based and purpose oriented serials on the topics such as rearing up of children, establishing harmony between the spouses etc. with different social and personal problems with scientific attitude; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has been telecasting need based and purpose oriented serials on socially relevant topics. Under the new sponsorship scheme opened in October last year also, proposals for serials were invited in various categories such as social themes, family serials, children's interest serials, Science serials, etc. These are presently being processed by Doordarshan for approval.

Divisive forces in J&K

835. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that divisive forces in Jammu & Kashmir are openly playing anti-Indian role;

(b) if so, what steps were taken by Government to curb these activities; and

(c) what is the role of Pakistan in promoting such activities in Jammu & Kashmir?

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